

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: WEL BRAND  
Serial No.: 12/000,128  
Filed: March 1, 2002  
Re: APPARATUS FOR MANUFACTURING BIODEGRADABLE  
PLANT FIBER PRODUCTS

**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS**  
**UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371**

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20531

Attention: APPLICATION BRANCH  
MISSING REQUIREMENTS OF APPLICATION

Sir:

With respect to the above-identified national phase application, the following are filed herewith in response to the Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371, mailed May 15, 2002, copy attached.

- X Declaration in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.63.
- X If a Petition for Extension of time is necessary and the Petition and/or the check is not enclosed, this will act as the Petition and applicant herewith petitions the Commissioner to extend the time for response and charge and fees necessary under 37 C.F.R. 1.17 (a) - (h) to Deposit Account No. 06-1358. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge payment of any other additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1358. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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## NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495)

- U.S. Basic National Fees
- Copy of IPF Report
- Copy of the International Application
- Copy of the International Search Report
- Preliminary Amendments
- Request for Immediate Examination

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The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date

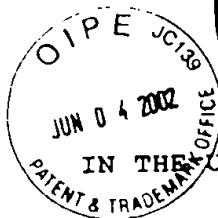
**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTH FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 22 or 32 MONTHS (where 37 CFR 1.495 applies) FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5).

A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response





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Applicants: Wei ZHANG et al  
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Filed: March 6, 2002  
For: APPARATUS FOR MANUFACTURING BIODEGRADABLE  
PLANT FIBRE PRODUCTS

**TRANSMITTAL OF SMALL ENTITY  
DECLARATION AND REQUEST FOR REFUND**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**Attention: REFUND SECTION, ACCOUNTING  
DIVISION, OFFICE OF FINANCE**

Sir:

Submitted herewith is a Small Entity Declaration, establishing small entity status for the captioned application. In view of Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP) 509.03, refund of the excess fee paid on **March 6, 2002**, is respectfully requested. Please credit a refund in the amount of **\$585.00** to undersigned Counsel's Deposit Account No. 06-1358. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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